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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 34-37, 39-44, 46-51 and 53-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 55-56 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 34-37, 39-44, 46-51 and 53-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to communication filed on 1/22/2010.
2. Claims 34-37, 39-44, 46-51 and 53-56 are presented for examination. Claims 55-56 are hereby restricted.

Election/Restrictions

3. Newly submitted claims 55-56 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: registering a URL and notification means pertaining to acceptance of the URL.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 55-56 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 34-38, 39-44, 46-51 and 53-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura (5,987,424 hereinafter Nakamura) in view of Kenney (5,515,424 hereinafter Kenney).

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With respect to claims 34,36-37, 39-41, 43-44, 46-48, 50-51, 53-54 Nakamura teaches a communication terminal (i.e. subscriber telephone set 1); a registration request issuing means for issuing a registration request for advertisement information broadcast from an advertisement information broadcast server and receiving means for receiving advertisement information which is broadcast from said advertisement information broadcast server, based on said registration request (i.e. the telephone set under contract to receive messages)(steps 1301 and 1302); and a display means for displaying said advertisement information received by said receiving means (Figure 14).

With respect to said display means for automatically displaying said advertisement information on a standby screen when the communication terminal is in standby state. Kenney teaches “the monitor 18 would **display informational screens for a period of 8-10 seconds each when the phone is not in use.** These still images are stored in a memory module 38, which could be a disk drive, in the phone. In some cases, the data could be downloaded from a central administration point” (col. 4, lines 27-32). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant’s invention to have included automatically receiving advertisement information on a standby screen because such a modification would without any human interaction attract passerby to the telephone terminals.

With respect to the communication terminal being portable. Official Notice is taken that it is old and well known for devices or the like to be portable in order to provide portability. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at

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the time of Applicant's invention to have included the communication terminal being portable in order to obtain the above mentioned advantage.

With respect to the newly added limitation, Nakamura further teaches a registration cancellation means for requesting to stop broadcasting said advertisement information from said advertisement broadcast server (i.e. detecting subscriber termination/rejection of advertisements)(step 1303).

With respect to claims 35, 42, 49, Nakamura further teaches a registration cancellation means for requesting to stop broadcasting said advertisement information from said advertisement information broadcast server (i.e. exchange 4 determining if a cancellation request was received from the subscriber telephone set 1)((col. 24, lines 29-33).

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 1/22/20010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

7. Applicant argues that the neither Nakamura nor Kenney teaches determining the beginning and ending timings of the broadcast service by requests from telephones. The Examiner disagrees with Applicant because Nakamura teaches the subscribing telephone set 1 to a service contract of when to begin and end/determining/canceling the broadcasting of the advertisements to telephone set 1. This service as oppose to Applicant's arguments is provided to the user when the user needs the services because the subscriber subscribes to the month, that he wants the advertisements to be

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provided to the telephone set 1. For instance, the user subscribe to a particular month of the subscription. Kenney teaches providing the information on a standby mode when the phone is not in use. The teachings of Nakamura and Kenney teaches, the terminal user receiving advertisements as per registration request example, the month of February and Kenney displaying the advertisements during standby state. Nakamura teaches displaying the advertisements during the month of February (Nakamura) anytime during the month of February and Kenney teaches displaying the phone when on standby mode/state (Kenney) during the contracted month of February. The combination of Nakamura and Kenney teaches registering the telephone set 1 during a particular month, Year. Etc as taught by Nakamura and providing/transmitting the advertisements during standby state during the contracted month in order to attract passerby to watch or listen to the advertisements during the standby state during the contracted month in order to better attract listeners and viewers to the advertisements.

8. In response to applicant's argument that in the present invention, the terminal user is allowed to receive the broadcast service only for a time interval desired by the user to thereby enjoy a reduction in wasteful expenditure of communication charges under contract, the fact that applicant has recognized another advantage which would flow naturally from following the suggestion of the prior art cannot be the basis for patentability when the differences would otherwise be obvious. See *Ex parte Obiaya*, 227 USPQ 58, 60 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1985).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raquel Alvarez whose telephone number is (571)272-6715. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert A. Weinhardt can be reached on (571)272-6633. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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